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1. PROVIDED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE RWANDA/BURUNDI
SITREP CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR JULY 8. THE
SITREP IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF SITREP:

RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP JULY 8

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SITUATION ON THE GROUND

RWANDA

A UN SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF
FIGHTING ANYWHERE IN RWANDA ON JULY 7. RPF TROOPS
CONTINUED CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN KIGALI. (AFP)

PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE RPF HAS AGREED, IN

PRINCIPLE TO A "NO-FIGHT" ZONE THAT WOULD LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO ATTACK THE REMNANTS OF THE GOR FORCES. UN ENVOY KHAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ZONE WOULD COVER ALMOST THE ENTIRE WESTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY STILL UNDER CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT FORCES, AND INDICATED THAT SUCH A ZONE WAS APPROVED LAST MONTH BY THE GOVERNMENT AND FRENCH TROOPS. (AP)

DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES

RWANDA

(C) IN DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH AMB. RAWSON IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 6 AND 7, EU OFFICIALS IN THE WORKING GROUP ON AFRICA INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD AGAIN REQUEST ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR UNAMIR EXPANSION FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP NOTED THAT THE "ADOPT A BATTALION" CONCEPT WAS GAINING CURRENCY AND THAT THE

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REPRESENTATIVES WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE DONE. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION FRANCE'S AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA, JEAN-MICHEL MARLAUD INFORMED AMB. RAWSON THAT FRANCE WAS ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT DIPLOMATIC LIAISONS WITH BOTH THE RPF AND THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. (BRUSSELS 7624)

BURUNDI

(C) THE EU WORKING GROUP ON AFRICA EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE FOR THE U.S. TO JOIN IN ITS PROGRAM OF "PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY" FOR BURUNDI, IN WHICH THE EU AND THE U.S. WOULD PROVIDE MORE VISIBLE SUPPORT, BY MEANS OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE, FOR DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COUNTRY. FOR EXAMPLE, A DELEGATION WOULD TRAVEL TO BUJUMBURA TO EXPRESS ITS CONGRATULATIONS IF THE ELECTIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL. THE GROUP WILL ALSO BE RECOMMENDING A REVITALIZED OAU PRESENCE, WITH GREATER CIVILIAN REPRESENTATION, IN THE COUNTRY. (BRUSSELS 7624)

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

UN RELIEF FLIGHTS BEGAN LANDING AGAIN AT KIGALI'S AIRPORT

JULY 7, THE FIRST ARRIVALS SINCE THE AIRPORT WAS CLOSED
IN EARLY JUNE DUE TO MORTAR FIRE. (REUTER)

UNCLASSIFIED

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS ESTIMATED ON
JULY 8 THAT 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE ARE DISPLACED IN RWANDA
AND EXPRESSED CONCERNS THAT THE AREA MAY EXPLODE IN
CONFLICT AS PEOPLE TRY TO FLEE ANY CONTINUED FIGHTING.
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(REUTER)

THE EU ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD EARMARKED AN ADDITIONAL 22
MILLION USD FOR REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID FOR VICTIMS OF
THE FIGHTING IN RWANDA. THE FUNDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE
UNHCR FOR DISTRIBUTION. (BRUSSELS 7552)

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